

ZSE backslides amidst selling pressure...

	Previous	Current	Change(pts)	%Change	YTD %
All Share	15,115.56	14,466.17	649.38	4.30	15,115.56
Industrial	49,656.40	47,518.78	2,137.62	4.30	49,656.40
Top 10	8,870.73	8,324.46	546.27	6.16	8,870.73
Mid Cap	33,647.23	33,528.58	118.65	0.35	33,647.23

A bearish sentiment dominated the ZSE in the week under review amidst sustained selling pressure across the board. The Blue Chips Index emerged the top casualty from the market carnage shedding 6.16% over the week and closing at 8,324.46pts. The primary All Share Index fell 4.30% week on week and closed at 14,466.17pts on the back of the heavy caps' losses while , the Mid-Cap, shed 0.35% to 33,528.58pts. Meanwhile, the central bank, RBZ, has started disbursing gold coins in smaller units of tenth of an ounce, quarter ounce and half ounce ahead of planned release of the bullion coins in the market on Tuesday next week in a move likely to further reduce pressure on the demand of the US dollar as store of value.

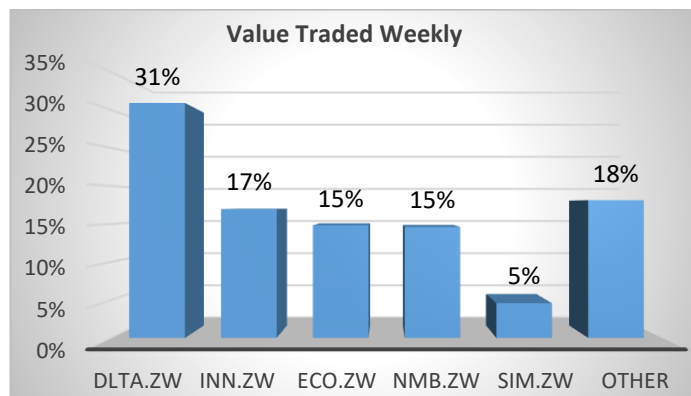
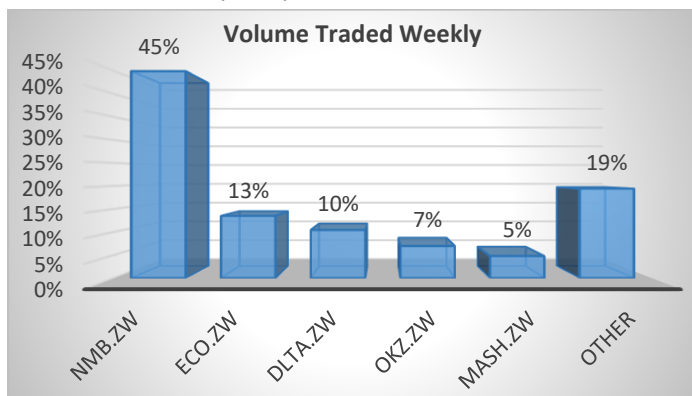
RISERS	PRICE	% Change
NPKZ.ZW	10.0000	13.42
FBC.ZW	62.5012	11.61
SEED.ZW	90.0000	9.12
FCA.ZW	10.4000	8.36
LACZ.ZW	124.7419	3.95
ARIS.ZW	3.9437	3.14
SACL.ZW	1.8900	2.16
ZIMR.ZW	5.1000	2.01
OKZ.ZW	29.8956	0.86
ZIMW.ZW	18.4000	0.82

The weekly breadth closed in the negative as twenty-two counters declined while, twelve rose failing to mitigate the market decline. At the helm of this week's fallers was Axia Holdings that plummeted as 15.56% to \$70.0000 while, Truworths succumbed 13.29% to close at \$2.2025. Beverages concern Delta nose-dived 11.56% to trade at \$212.0412 as manufacturer ART Holdings followed on a 11.39% slope to \$15.0636. Fintech group Ecocash tumbled 8.54% and closed at \$38.5000 reached in the week-ending session as its former parent Econet trailed on a 7.36% retreat to \$80.3895. Other noteworthy losses were in blue chip duo Simbisa and Innscor that dropped 5.26% and 3.78% to end at respective prices of \$227.6667 and \$327.5898. Proplastics and FML Holdings also dragged the market on 6.05% and 4.08% plunges to close the week at \$27.7109 and \$23.5000 in that order.

FALLERS	PRICE	% Change
AXIA.ZW	70.0000	15.56
TRUW.ZW	2.2025	13.29
DLTA.ZW	212.0412	11.56
ARTD.ZW	15.0636	11.39
EHZL.ZW	38.5000	8.54
ECO.ZW	80.3895	7.36
PROL.ZW	27.7109	6.05
SIM.ZW	227.6667	5.26
FML.ZW	23.5000	4.08
INN.ZW	327.5898	3.78

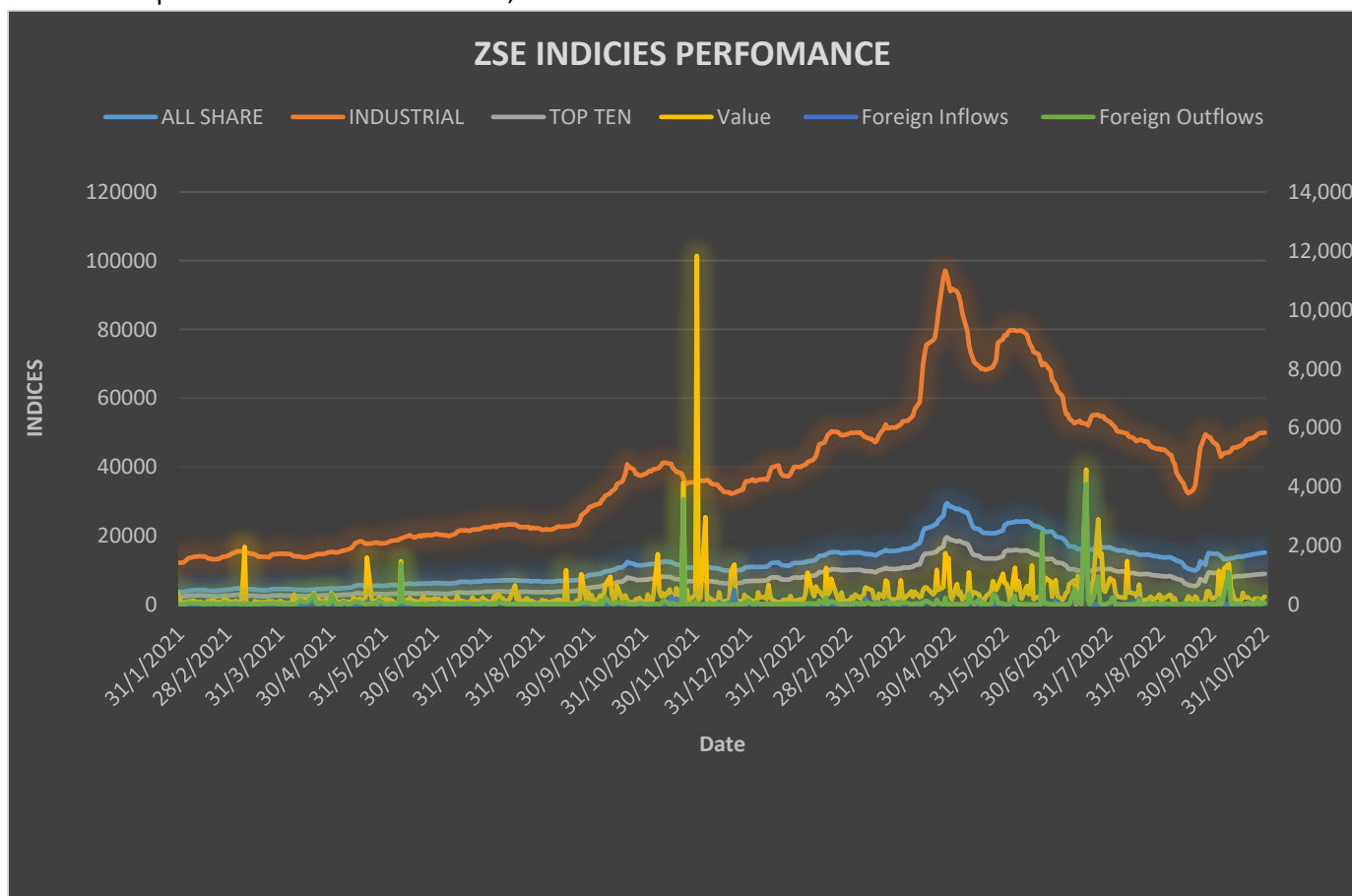
Partially offsetting the week's losses were gains in NTS that swelled 13.42% to \$10.0000 while, FBC Bank was 11.61% stronger at \$62.5012 on renewed demand in the name. SeedCo went up 9.12% to see shares exchange hands at \$90.0000. Rarely traded Lafarge added 3.95% and closed at \$124.7419 where supply could be found. Ariston ended at \$3.9437 on the bounce back having increased 3.14% for the week. Star Africa put on 2.16% to end on a vwap of \$1.8900. Zimre Holdings gained 2.01% to \$5.0100 as retailer OK Zimbabwe rose 0.86% to close the week at \$5.1000. Zimplow Holdings fastened the top ten winners of the week on a 0.82% improvement and capped the week at \$18.4000.

Market activity Improves...



	Previous	Current	Change	%Change
Values	999,834,739.00	1,196,552,840.50	196,718,101.50	19.68
Volumes	6,974,600	16,061,300	9,086,700	130.28

Trading aggregates were improved over the week with the market spend surging 19.68% and to close at \$1.2bn as Delta, Innscor and Econet emerged the market favourites as the trio accounted for 63% of the total weekly values. Volumes exchanged stood at 16.1m shares, with major volumes being exchanged in NMB, Econet and Delta on respective contributions of 45%, 13% and 10%.



In the News

Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX)-listed resources outfit, Bindura Nickel Corporation (BNC) says it plans to exploit energy minerals in its first major diversification strategy since its formation in 1966. The firm, which has been the subject of shareholder changes throughout its six decades in operation, had confined its interests in nickel.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200003237/bnc-targets-lithium-copper-in-fresh-move>

Inflation adjusted post-tax profit at commercial banking operation Steward Bank surged 314% to \$5,7 billion during the half-year ended August 21, 2022, driven by an accelerated digital banking push. The bank posted \$1,4 billion profit after tax in the comparable period in 2021. The bank, an EcoCash Holdings Zimbabwe Limited subsidiary, also announced a 223% increase in net operating income from \$8 billion to \$25,8 billion in inflation adjusted terms on the back of improved non-interest income which largely consisted of digital banking revenue and exchange gains.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200003191/steward-bank-profit-surges-314>

Africa Economic Development Strategies executive director Gift Mugano has warned that the proposed \$3,4 trillion 2023 national budget will fuel inflation and deepen the economic crisis in the southern African country. During recent budget consultations, Finance minister Mthuli Ncube revealed that the proposed 2023 budget would be \$3,4 trillion, up by 79%, from the 2022 budget of \$1,9 trillion, including the supplementary budget.

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/business/article/200003146/34-trillion-dollar-budget-will-fuel-inflation>

Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX) listed resources group Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc revenue for the nine months to September 30, 2022 rose 21 percent to US\$107,9 million on the back of solid gold production at its Blanket Mine. Gold production at Blanket rose 22,2 percent to 59 726 ounces compared to the 48 872 ounces produced in the first nine months of 2021. During the quarter to September 30, 2022, Blanket Mine recorded 21 120 ounces of gold were produced, which was 11,4 percent higher than the 18,965 ounces produced in the same quarter in 2021 and a new quarterly production record.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/blanket-gold-output-jumps-21pc-drives-caledonia-revenue/>

Equities on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange (ZSE) fell last week weighed down by weakness in the market's top cap counters. Resultantly, all the benchmark indicators closed the week to Wednesday pointing southwards as liquidity constraints continue to subdue activity. In May this year, the Government introduced policy measures that were meant to tame inflation and arbitrage behaviour on the stock market. Since then the market is yet to recover to April levels.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/zse-big-caps-weigh-down-stock-market/>

Nedbank shareholders hitherto did not have a localised exit mechanism, they could only sell their shares on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange through a share dealing services structure facilitated through Corpserve Nominees. The listing of Nedbank ZDRs on the Victoria Falls Stock Exchange (VFEX) thus affords Nedbank shareholders a localised exit mechanism. Moreso, shareholders and other interested investors previously could not purchase Nedbank shares through Corpserve Nominees. This listing gives current shareholders, as well as new investors, a mechanism to seek exposure to Nedbank through Nedbank ZDRs on the VFEX.

<https://www.herald.co.zw/rationale-for-nedbank-zimbabwe-depository-receipt-listing-on-vfex/>

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